

WORKPLAN FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) ADULT PROJECT

Updated May 2010

Goals, Objectives, and Activities	Due Date	Primary Resp.	Support Role	Comments/Status
GOAL 1: TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE COURTS.				
Desired Outcomes/Objectives:				
<u>Objective 1a:</u> Provide support for judicial officers who hear cases involving individuals with mental illness.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate locally generated best and promising practices to trial courts and criminal justice and mental health partners. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	<p>Initial literature reviews conducted in 2008/09 to identify best and promising practices nationally.</p> <p>Multiple site visits to CA courts initiated in 2009.</p> <p>Establish on-going system for disseminating information to local courts and criminal justice partners through the Task Force on Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues and the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and support educational programming for judicial officers working with court users with mental illness, including providing training for 35 to 50 judicial officers at annual conferences. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst	Identified as an annual goal. Goal met in 2008/09 and 2009/10.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and disseminate job aides to 100 judicial officers serving court users with mental illness in criminal-and civil courts. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst	<p>Identified as an annual goal. Goals met in 2008/09 and 2009/10.</p> <p>Initiate development of additional materials starting in mid-late 2010. (Might include best practice guides, video, checklists, etc.)</p>
<u>Objective 1b:</u> Assist court administrators who manage special programs serving court users with mental illness.				

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Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support training for 35 to 50 court/resource coordinators and other administrative staff to assist them in addressing issues of resource coordination and coordination of referrals to treatment agencies for court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst	Include collaborative court principles and community outreach/partnerships in curriculum.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support training for 35 to 50 court/resource coordinators and other administrative staff related to data collection and analysis of information for program evaluation. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	Regular dissemination of information to resource/court coordinators. Develop on-going training opportunities for coordinators and other staff; launch late 2010.
<u>Objective 1c:</u> Determine training needs in the area of mental health and develop interdisciplinary training opportunities for judges and court staff.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct two regional symposia for 50 judges and court personnel. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst	Explore venue options and program design starting in mid-late 2010.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify state and national education and outreach programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of case processing and case outcomes for court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Senior Court Services Analyst	On-going in conjunction with the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop web-based resource in consultation with DMH to improve interdisciplinary access to mental health treatment and promising and best practices information. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	Initiate project mid-late 2010.

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GOAL 2: DEVELOP A RESEARCH PROJECT TO EVALUATE COURT- PROGRAMS FOR COURT USERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.				
Desired Outcomes/Objectives:				
<u>Objective 2a:</u> Establish a project to identify and disseminate best practices for court users with mental illness.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify methods for evaluating the long-term effectiveness of mental health programs in the court. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	Initial evaluation done for one court; additional evaluation tools in development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist courts in their efforts to respond more effectively to court users with mental illness by identifying best practices and disseminating information in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders, including local departments of mental/behavioral health, treatment/service providers, and court users with mental illness and their families. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	On-going effort; Done in conjunction with the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues.
<u>Objective 2b:</u> Establish a research e project to assist in local and statewide planning efforts for courts.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and assess the needs of court programs serving court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	On-going effort in collaboration with the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, study utilization of court programs and identify promising practices related to mental health courts and other courts serving individuals with mental illness (homeless courts, reentry courts, elder abuse courts, etc.) 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst	Launched in 2008; on-going effort.
GOAL 3: PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MENTAL HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS IN THE COURTS.				
Desired Outcomes/Objectives:				
<u>Objective 3a:</u> Provide support to and encourage collaboration between the AOC and court programs serving individuals with mental illness.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide staff support, education, and training for the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	On-going effort; launched in 2008. Preliminary draft effort disseminated for public comment summer 2010.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical assistance to programs for court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	On-going since 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide staff and resource support to mental/behavioral health court projects and programs. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst;	On-going since 2008. Support includes, but is not limited to supporting site visits, disseminating information, developing educational courses, supporting program faculty.

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GOAL 4: ASSIST COURTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO MENTALLY ILL COURT USERS.				
Desired Outcomes/Objectives:				
<u>Objective 4a:</u> Identify best practices in responding to court users with mental illness.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using best practices, improve case processing and outcomes in collaboration with state and local partners, including DMH and local departments of mental/behavioral health. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and assess needs of court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	Identified in Collaboration with the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify cost effective programs and services for court users with mental illness. 	6/30/2011	Senior Research Analyst	N/A	Research Brief prepared 2008 and 2010; on-going effort.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical assistance to local 	6/30/2011			On-going.

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courts including site visits to established mental health courts and programs serving court users with mental illness.		Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	
<u>Objective 4b:</u> Collaborate with a variety of stakeholders including local departments of mental/behavioral health, treatment/service providers, and court users with mental illness and their families.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist court administrators who manage special programs serving court users with mental illness in developing linkages with local departments of mental/behavior health, treatment/service providers, court users and their families, and other stakeholders. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst	<p>On-going: identifying state and local partners and identifying additional opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>Done in conjunction with the Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop services/training for 25-50 court resource coordinators and other administrative staff to support their ability to coordinate referrals to treatment/resource organizations, collect data, convey information to the court, and work with justice system and community partners to modify practices to better meet needs of clients and a changing environment. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	On-going: developed workshops for conferences in 2008 and 2009; additional courses and trainings in development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate court/criminal justice and mental health partners planning activities to address local issues 		Senior Court Services	Staff	Technical and planning assistance to be provided upon request.

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pertaining to the needs of court users with mental illness.		Analyst	Analyst	
GOAL 5: SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE AOC, DMH, COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS (COMIO), AND RELATED EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS.				
Desired Outcomes/Objectives:				
<u>Objective 5a:</u> Work collaboratively with DMH, COMIO, and other agencies and departments to produce resources and improve programs for court users with mental illness.				
Objective Activities:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend quarterly MHSA Interagency meetings. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	On-going; staff attends all MHSA meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend/support prevention and early intervention (PEI) roundtables. 	6/30/2011	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	Completed summer 2008.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve on California Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Advisory Committee. 	2008/09	Senior Court Services Analyst	Staff Analyst; other staff as needed	Goal met 11/2008-4/2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend quarterly COMIO meetings. 	7/2008-6/2011			On-going; staff attends COMIO meetings and educational sessions provided in conjunction with COMIO meetings.

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